

Saturday Gazette.

Bloomfield and Montclair, N. J.

W. F. LYON, Editor and Proprietor.
CHAS. M. DAVIS, Associate Editor.OUR PRINCIPAL OFFICE IS NEXT DOOR
TO THE POST OFFICE IN BLOOMFIELD.

FOURTH OF JULY.—Our day of publication will correspond this year with the National Anniversary. We are expecting to get out a most valuable number for that day, and shall publish a larger edition than on any other day. It will be sought and read and preserved for its historical value. Advertisers should avail themselves of the opportunity and send in advertisement early.

No intelligent citizen should fail to read the invaluable road report on our first page written by Mr. Van Vleck.

INTERPERENCE.

The New York Observer in its issue of May 28th publishes reports from various parts of the country in answer to the inquiry sent out—"Is interperence increasing or decreasing in your vicinity?" The following is the only response from New Jersey. Is it a true representation of the temperance cause in Morris County?

NEW JERSEY.

Morris County.—In this section of the country it is greatly on the increase. You cannot count many men here but will drink, either in public or private.

ANTI-SECRET SOCIETY.—A National Convention has been in session lately at Syracuse, N. Y., having for its object, organization and opposition to all secret societies.

It was well attended by intelligent, earnest and influential men.

The name was adopted "The National Christian Association," and the object was declared to be the exposure, resistance, and extermination of all secret societies, Freemasonry particularly, and other Anti-Christian and anti-republican agencies. Under this form, warfare may be waged not only against secret societies but against interperence, tobacco and other evils.

CHRISTOPHER STREET, N. Y.—Our readers generally will be interested to know that a line of horse railroad has been established with cars now running across the city, between the Christopher Street Ferry on the North River and the Greenpoint Ferry on the East River. The cars, traversing Christopher and Eighth Streets, passing near Stewart's Cooper Institute Bible House, etc., and crossing all the town railroads, cannot fail to prove of great convenience to a great many of our citizens who will of course thank us for this notice.

HOME MATTERS.

BLOOMFIELD.

WEATHER CHRONICLE.

Range of Thermometer at Bloomfield Center.
June 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
At 6 A. M. 64° 59° 58° 57° 55° 60° 64°
At Noon 65° 60° 64° 69° 78° 79° 77°
At 9 P. M. 61° 76° 59° 61° 69° 71° 67°

BRUTAL OUTRAGE AND FOWL MURDER.

The Scriptures tell us that there is "time to dance, and a time to sing, but also a time to weep and mourn."
It is the duty of a faithful and impartial journal to chronicle alike the joyous wedding and the solemn funeral, so with "tears that will unbidden start," we are compelled to advert to a most brutal murder, which occurred in this town on Thursday evening. From what a GAZETTE reporter, promptly on the spot, could gather, the circumstances were as follows.

A mother with her numerous offspring—some eighteen in number, for some time past driven from post to pillar, and desecrated by her husband, a worthless fellow who considered himself "cock of the walk," and crowded over the misfortune of his fellows, finally sought refuge in a barn, where, with her large family she was cooped up, so to speak. A severe cold settled in her eyes, and gradually the light of day faded from them, so that her young ones were early compelled to scratch for their living as it were. The pall thus spread over the outer world by degrees enclouded upon her mind, until at last gave way, and she went down among her sorrowing family a harmless but delirious. This state of things continued up to Thursday evening last when she wandered forth alone. The shadows deepened, but still she returned not to her lonely barn; but as night came on, and she drew near within a short distance of her home and of her loved ones.

A PISTOL SHOT rang out upon the still night air, followed quickly by another; and without a moment's delay her length prone upon the ground bespattered with her life blood, gasped, struggled and died.

Into how the afflicted family received the news, let us not attempt to enter. The harrowing part of the transaction is—IT WAS JEROME'S PET HEN.

We buried her darkly, at dead of night. The earth with a crowbar picked. And we wept, as we thought that the morning light

Would dawn on the grave of this chicken.

"Oh, my pet, my pet," a mourner said, "I bury your grief you're a bird, don't you see that the old hen's dead, but she'll never come on the table!"

The Ecclesial Society of this village has enrolled one hundred and four members. The present active membership is forty.

EQUALITY OF TAXATION.

THE ASSessor has commenced making out his new lists of properties for the present year, with his assessment valuation of each. It is now generally known how irregular and unequal they have been in past years, and as he has not consented to give the public any encouragement that he intends to adopt a different principle and a fairer system. We recommend every taxpayer to scrutinize the list, and know if all properties are assessed at the same rate, or per centage on their cash values.

It is his power, and it is his duty to adjust the assessable values of all properties, large and small on the same basis, and as may well make up his mind that citizens will not be reconciled, or submit to anything else.

TOWN COUNCIL BLOOMFIELD.

At their semi-monthly Meeting last Friday, a quorum being present, the Council went into an election for an additional member to be stationed at Watessing.

WAS RIKER was the successful candidate.

A NEW FLAG.

was ordered for the Liberty Pole on the Park—no limit as to price.

An informal application for the widening of the "Petersen Road above Bay Lane" was made by citizen Yancey. But it was evident that the parties specially interested were not agreed among themselves as to the width desired it was laid on the table to await a formal and legal application. It is a very proper measure and an improvement that is much needed.

No applications for Telford pavement have as yet been made. The limitation of the year expiring July 1st, when, if there is no request preferred, the \$1,000 voted the Spring for grading will not be required, and will not be put into the tax levy. Tax payers will be glad for any let-off this year.

Our Town Committee are quite in sympathy with the desire of the people for all possible alleviation at the present time.

GREAT GALE DAY FOR BLOOMFIELD.

Fourteen Sunday Schools with Banners, flags, symbolic emblems, and Floral decorations. Fourteen hundred children and teachers in procession, of all ages and from every class of our society, well and neatly clad and admirably behaved.

Presbyterian, Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist, German, American, white and colored—all united in loving harmony.

The large Presbyterian Church was filled to its utmost capacity. In perfect order, due orchestral and vocal music; splendid addresses by A. A. Smith, of Brooklyn, and W. F. Sherwin, of Newark.

Sixty-one tables, each 12 feet long, in the Park, loaded with cakes, ice-cream, sodas, lemonade, etc., the liberal provision of the bodies of the village.

All passed off well, and will long be remembered here, and we hope its effects on the Sunday School will be favorable.

GERMAN THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

The first Anniversary of the GERMAN THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL will be held in the Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening the 25th inst. There will be addresses by members of the graduating class in English and German, and other interesting exercises.

At the end of the present academic year, the examination of the students in preparatory department will take place on Wednesday the 24th June, in the afternoon, at Seminary Building, under the direction of the Board of Directors. The examination of the Theological Department will be held on Thursday, the 25th, in the Westminster Chapel, at Bloomfield, in the morning and afternoon.

The Entrance examination will be held in the morning of Wednesday, June 24th, on the second Monday of September, but application may be made known at any time to the Faculty at Bloomfield, N. J., or to the chairman of the Examining Committee, Rev. J. Fessenden, D. D., Newark.

Several applications for admission next Autumn have already been received.

Seminary year begins on the second Monday of September and ends on the last Thursday of June. There is a vacation of one week during the holidays, and a vacation of one week in the month of April.

OUR CHURCHES.—The Presbyterian pulpit was occupied on the 7th inst. by Rev. DR. BUTTERFIELD of Montclair. Last Sunday by Rev. E. SEYMOUR, a former pastor of this church, since resident in the village as a private citizen, whose sound theology, devoted piety, gentleness and urbanity have ever won for him the esteem and sincere respect of all his hearers.

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THE OLD WASHINGTON HOUSE.—Architects

were reviewing this historical location last week, guided by the cultured taste of Mr. Edward Wilde, with the intention of making photographic views from most eligible points. There are other ancient structures in this vicinity that it would be well to preserve for posterity in the same way.

SUMMER SOJOURNERS.—Two houses in

West end have been rented for the summer. One corner of Washington and Hillside Avenues to J. W. B. Dobler Esq., owner of West Side Bank, N. Y., and the one next to it on Hillside Avenue to

Stearns Esq. of Newark.

We should be glad to record in the GAZETTE others that may occur, if reported to us.

THE BOARDING HOUSES are mostly filled up,

though Mrs. Harcastle will have some vacancies in a week or two. There are some private families that will take boarders for the summer.

BLOOMFIELD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

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builders. But when it became doubtful whether the Company could meet its obligations, I proposed and carried through an arrangement in behalf of all concerned by which the Company dropped out of the connection, and placed the builders of the depot and the subscribers in direct relation with each other, thus giving to all parties the opportunity of carrying out their intention, so far as circumstances made it possible.

Prior to this event, (having occupied a subordinate position in the Montclair Railway Company, for several months, including all the time during which the building was progressing) I terminated all my connection with the company.

The total amount of subscriptions collected by the Company at the date of my resignation April 22d 1873, was \$1000. There was subsequently collected by the company \$1700, making the total amount received by the Company (including the claims against the Co. not payable in cash but offset in account) \$2,700, of which the company received in cash \$2,700.

The amount of the subscriptions turned over to the Builders was \$6,750 of which they state that they have collected 2,750

Leaving yet uncollected \$4,000

Added to this the uncollected subscriptions in hands of the Montclair Railway Company.

550

Leaving total now uncollected. \$4,550

The case may be summed up thus: The subscribers as a whole have failed to perform their contract to pay the money promised.

The Montclair Railway Company have done more than they agreed, having added \$2000, in extra work more than was contemplated and agreed upon between the subscribers and the company.

The subscribers who have paid, have received all that was promised them. They have their certificates of stock, and their Dep't. The only sufferer in consequence of the insolvency of the Montclair Railway Company, being a third party, who contracted to build the depot. As the claim of the Builders is still in suspense, with more than one remedy attainable, it is too soon to judge of the merits of that question, but I respectfully submit that in connection with this matter, has, in view of the foregoing facts proved a failure.

There is a prevalent belief in the public mind, that official connection with a Railway company offers opportunities for questionable gains which are too often emulated. As we are all friends here, I will reveal confidentially the extent of my own dealings before retiring to private life.

It became necessary often, owing to the absence of the Treasurer, or other causes, for me to represent the Company in its financial department, both receiving and paying the Company's funds through my own private accounts, but with every item carefully charged or credited to the Company. In my anxiety to provide for worthy and needy employees of the Company, who could not collect their wages from its depleted treasury, I advanced more than I received, and when the company stopped payment, there was due me in the account current \$718. This amount was soon after increased by payments as endorser to \$2,468, which will remain to me a total loss. A few months since I was called on to pay as bondsman for the Company the sum of \$2,500, so that to-day, I have a back account, standing amount to the aggregate sum of \$10,788.64

I feel much sorrow over these irregularities, and if invited to participate in any more of the same kind, I shall certainly resist the temptation.

The statement was accompanied by the papers and documents to verify it, and they fully covered all the ground of inquiry.

After hearing the statement the meeting adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the statement just presented by Mr. Pratt, the former President of the Montclair Railway Company, be accepted by us as a satisfactory explanation of the acts and omissions of its officers, agents, in the matter of the Montclair Depot.

Resolved, That when in view of the probable failure of the Montclair Railway Company, its officers assigned over to the builders of the Depot the unpaid subscriptions of the citizens of Montclair, they gave evidence of an honest intention to do justice to all parties interested, and to carry out the original design of all concerned, so far as the circumstances would admit.

Resolved, That we recommend the payment of all unpaid subscriptions, provided such payment will procure the final and satisfactory settlement of all claims growing out of the building of the Montclair Depot.

Resolved, That in case such settlement cannot be made, we recommend the equitable pro-rata division among all the subscribers who have paid of the amount which shall have been collected at time of such distribution.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chairman of this meeting, with power to carry out the purposes of the foregoing resolutions.

The Chairman appointed as such Committee:

NATHAN T. PORTER,
CHAR. A. HOPKINS,
HIRSH B. LITTLELL,
CHAR. H. JOHNSON,
Secretary of the meeting.

OUR CHURCHES LAST SUNDAY.

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL, REV. J. L. MAXWELL, Rector.—In the morning, the Church was tolerably well filled. The senior Bp of the Church in the United States, the Rt. Rev. B. B. Smith, D.D., of Kentucky, was present, and assisted the Rector in the services appropriate to the day. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Newbold, Home Mission Secretary, founded on the text (Luke xiv. 23), "Yea, there is room." A very interesting and practical discourse addressed with good effect mainly to the unconverted, under several divisions, as, Room in the heart of Christ; Room in the provisions of the salvation of Christ; Room in the Holy Spirit's School; Room in the privileges of the Gospel of Christ.

At the conclusion of the sermon the venerable Bishop, who must now be verging on toward 80 years, took a seat near the altar, and made a brief address in respect to the happy condition of the Church in his Diocese, more united, harmonious and attached than ever before.